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SUBJECT: MALARIA

REF: (A) COLOMBO 4198, (B) COLOMBO 4161 (BOTH AIDAC MESSAGES)

1. MINISTER OF HEALTH, SIVA OBEYSEKERA, ASKED ME TO HER OFFICE YESTERDAY TO URGE QUICK U.S. RESPONSE TO GSL REQUEST FOR MALATHION ASSISTANCE. SHE NOTED THAT MALARIA IS MOST WIDESPREAD IN SRI LANKA'S MAJOR RICE PRODUCING AREAS, AND STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED WITH MALARIA'S ADVERSE EFFECTS ON FIELD WORKERS AND PADDY PRODUCTION AS WELL AS ON HUMAN HEALTH. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT DIVERSION OF MAHAWELI WATERS INTO THE NORTH CENTRAL AREAS HAS EXPANDED MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUNDS. GAINS FROM ADDITIONAL IRRIGATION MAY BE UNDERMINED BY ATTENDANT INCREASES IN MALARIA.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY, THE MINISTER SAID SHE DID NOT YET HAVE ANY WORK FROM THE DUTCH. SHE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. IS THE MAJOR DONOR AND BOTH THE GSL AND OTHER DONORS ARE WAITING AN INDICATION OF U.S. INTENTIONS.

3. AN EARLY U.S. COMMITMENT APPEARS TO ME TO BE CENTRAL TO PUTTING THE REQUISITE FUNDING PACKAGE TOGETHER AND BEGINNING THE ANTI-MALARIA PROGRAM. THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEMONSTRATED BY ITS ACTIONS AND WORDS THAT IT ATTACHES HIGHEST PRIORITY TO CHECKING MALARIA.

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I RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT WE RESPOND WITH A DEFINITE

PLEDGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BELIEVE OUR INITIAL PLEDGE SHOULD BE ON THE LOW SIDE AS RECOMMENDED REF (A) IN ORDER TO STIMULATE OTHER DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO INCREASE THIS PLEDGE IF OTHER DONORS, PARTICULARLY DUTCH, DO NOT COME THROUGH TO EXTENT HOPED.

4. URGE A DECISION ON THIS MATTER BEFORE NEXT GSL MEETING OF DONORS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 10.  
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